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BEGIN SUMMARY: RECENT RESOLUTION BY HOUSE COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND STATEMENTS ON KOREA BY SECRETARY KISSINGER AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY HUMMEL WERE CARRIED ON FRONT PAGES OF KOREAN NEWSPAPERS, BUT ALL MENTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS WAS EXCISED. END SUMMARY.

1. SECRETARY KISSINGER'S SPEECH IN PHILADELPHIA AUGUST 31 WAS GIVEN PROMINENT FRONT-PAGE PLAY IN KOREAN NEWSPAPERS ON SEPTEMBER 1. HEADLINES FEATURED HIS REMARKS ON IMPORTANCE OF KOREA TO STABILITY OF NORTHEAST ASIA, BUT MADE NO MENTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS. SEVERAL ARTICLES ENDED WITH SECRETARY'S STATEMENT OF NECESSITY TO BALANCE OUR SECURITY NECESSITIES AGAINST SOME FEELINGS WITH RESPECT TO "SPECIAL POLICIES." LATTER REFERENCE WAS SO VAGUE AND OUT OF CONTEXT THAT SEVERAL REPORTERS CAME TO USIS TO OBTAIN
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ORIGINAL TEXT.

2. FRASER-DERWINSKI RESOLUTION (REFTEL), PASSED SEPT. 1 BY HOUSE COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (HCIR) AND COVERING BOTH DMZ INCIDENT AND SENTENCING OF MYONGDONG DEFENDANTS, WAS CARRIED IN SMALL FRONT-PAGE ITEMS IN THREE AFTERNOON NEWSPAPERS SEPTEMBER 2: TONGA ILBO, CHUNGANG ILBO, AND EVEN OFFICIAL SEOUL SHINMUN. ALL THREE STORIES, HOWEVER, MENTIONED ONLY FIRST HALF OF RESOLUTION AIMED AT DPRK, OMITTING ALL MENTION OF RESOLUTION'S EXPRESSION OF REGRET OVER MYONGDONG SENTENCES.

3. ASST. SEC. HUMMEL'S TESTIMONY ON SEPTEMBER 1 BEFORE TWO HCIR SUBCOMMITTEES WAS GIVEN MAJOR FRONT-PAGE PLAY IN ALL NEWS-PAPERS SEPTEMBER 3, WITH SUMMARIES OR EXTENSIVE EXCERPTS. HOWEVER, PAPERS DID NOT EVEN MENTION EXISTENCE OF SUBSEQUENT QUESTION-AND-ANSWER SESSION IN WHICH HUMMEL REPLIED TO REP. FRASER'S QUESTION AS TO HOW LONG USG COULD SUPPORT "PAK REGIME."

4. THERE HAVE AS YET BEEN NO EDITORIALS.
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